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**Season 2022/23**

**FA Vase: Bridgwater United** survived with ten men for the entirety of the second half during their hard-fought 1-0 victory at home to **Cribbs** on Friday evening. Having been given a soft booking within one minute of the game kicking-off, Jack Thorne was then dismissed in first half stoppage time after being awarded his second yellow of the night. Incredibly, the undermanned hosts then took the lead four minutes after the restart, with Jack Taylor heading home a George King cross, and despite upward of ten minutes being added at the end of the game, United held on to book their spot in the fourth round.

Saturday was equally successful for Western League sides, with both Buckland and Clevedon joining Bridgwater in the last 32 of the competition. For **Buckland**, it was very much the Ryan Bush show in their 3-0 win over **Laverstock & Ford**, with the frontman striking a first-half hat-trick. Bush’s first of the afternoon came after 13 minutes, with a left-footed strike across the keeper nestling in the back of the net. He then beat the offside trap to double Buckland’s advantage, before completing his hat-trick in the build up to half-time with a sliding finish *(pictured twice, courtesy of Iain Morland).* Things were slightly tougher for **Clevedon** who battled back from late heartbreak toknock out **New Milton Spurs** thanks to some exemplary spot kicks. A close range finish from Nathanial Groom after 28 minutes looked to have done the business for the Seasiders, but they were denied at the very death with the visitors drawing level from a stoppage time corner. The game then headed to penalties, and after his four teammates had all slotted home from 12 yards, Syd Camper followed suit to confirm Town’s passage through to next round of the competition.

**Premier Division:** On Friday night, **Welton** secured their first clean sheet of the entire season in beating **Cadbury Heath** 2-0. Billy Manning scored with Rovers first attack of the game to put them ahead, with Lewis Russell then doubling their advantage early in the second half, as Welton grabbed the victory, in the process registering their first shutout this season at the 25th time of asking. The following afternoon, **Shepton Mallet** continued their perfect start under the new management team by beating **Millbrook** 3-0. Fin Haines’ opener at the end of the first half put Mallet in front, with Danny Constable then doubling their advantage two minutes after the restart to put their visitors firmly on the back foot. It was then left to Haines to complete the victory, with his glancing header 15 minutes from time ending any hopes of a Millbrook fightback. **Saltash** managed to extend their lead atop the division by a single point after salvaging a late 2-2 draw at home to **Ilfracombe**. Having gone ahead at the beginning of the second half through Charlie Elkington, the Ashes found themselves 2-1 down heading into the final 15 minutes following a pair of smart finishes from Ilfracombe regulars Liam Short and Harry Stevens. Then, with just five minutes left on the clock, Adam Carter struck for the hosts to grab a share of the spoils, extending their long unbeaten run in the process. Elsewhere in Cornwall, a couple of the county’s sides drew one apiece, with **Torpoint**’s leading scorer Curtis Damerell helping his side come from a goal down to tie **Falmouth** who had led for less than three minutes through Olly Walker. **Mousehole** racked up their tenth league victory of the campaign after overturning an early deficit to beat **Keynsham** 3-2 at Trungle Parc. After Owen Brain gave the K’s a surprise fourth minute lead, Mousehole managed to get back on level terms just after the half hour mark through Jack Calver. A quickfire double from Mark Goldsworthy and Tallan Mitchell around the mid-point of the second half suddenly saw the hosts move two in front, and despite conceding to Tyler Linton, and also seeing Mitchell red carded, the Seagulls managed to hold on for an entertaining home victory. In the day’s early kickoff, Sam Farthing scored a second-half equaliser in **Sherborne**’s 2-2 draw away at **Ashton & Backwell**, while goals from Rikki Sheppard and Sam Carter, and a penalty save by Kyle Moore helped **Helston** secure an impressive 2-0 win away at **Barnstaple**.



**On the latest episode of the podcast, Western League Fixture Secretary, George McCaffery joins Ian to talk about the impact a bad weekend of weather has had on the fixtures. There is a also a conversation with AEK Boco manager Spencer Thomas, who explains why he’s committed to the clubs philosophy of developing young players, even when results don’t go their way.**

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**First Division:** On a busy Friday evening of action, **Wincanton Town** made a strong return to Moor Lane, scoring twice in either half to defeat **Tytherington** 4-0 in front of a healthy home crowd. Having not played on home turf since January, the Wasps made a dream start, with Dan Dix and Callum Small putting them two-up within the opening 12 minutes. Wincanton then had to wait until the closing stages before confirming the victory, with Dan Quirke and Jamie Irwin adding further goals in the final few minutes. Elsewhere that evening, second half goals from Dan Spicer and Will Gallagher led **Shirehampton** to a 2-0 win away at **Warminster**, while super-sub Zac Cheetham grabbed a dramatic 88th minute winner for **Longwell Green Sports**, helping them defeat **Hallen** 2-1 in an entertaining contest under the lights.

In a big day at the top of the table, **Wells City** moved three points clear thanks to a come-from-behind 2-1 win away at **FC Bristol**. Having fallen behind to their sixth-placed hosts during the opening moments, Wells completed a late turnaround, with Ben Robertson’s header followed by a free kick from Ali Sen helping them grab maximum points. **Nailsea & Tickenham** have now fallen three points back after suffering a rare 3-1 defeat at the hands of **Gillingham Town**. Jordon Clapp’s double and a Max Westlake effort did the business for the Gills who ended a four-match winless run in terrific fashion. Third-place **Brislington** also capitalised on Nailsea’s defeat, and are now just three points in arrears after beating **AEK Boco** 4-1. Oaklan Buck gave the visitors a dream start, putting them in front after less than 60 seconds, with George Jones then making it 2-0 inside the opening ten minutes. A second Jones effort midway through the first half continued Brislington’s ascendancy, with Jordan Ricketts adding the finishing touches late on from the penalty spot. Another side to win on their travels were **Bishop Sutton**, with their poor recent run in the league put to bed following a 2-1 triumph at **Portishead**. Sutton’s leading marksman Craig Wilson was the difference between the two sides, and after breaking the deadlock in the 21st minute, Wilson then struck again in the closing stages to keep the home side at bay. The biggest winners of the day were **Bristol Telephones,** with Archie Dark’s double helping spearhead their thumping 5-0 win at home to **Almondsbury**. Sam Thomas, Finn Sykes and Javi Blazquez also got on the scoresheet for the Phones who are now unbeaten in three and have moved off of bottom spot thanks to their recent run. In Bath, Courtney Charles played a starring role for **Odd Down** who came out on top in a five-goal thriller at home to **Cheddar**. Having gifted their visitors a 21st minute lead following an own-goal, Charles executed a scissor kick to draw Odd Down level after half an hour. Charles then struck once more to put his side 2-1 up at the interval, with the Cheesemen fighting back to level affairs midway through the second half. The influential Charles had a major hand in the winning goal, with his flick through putting Luke Bryan in position to rifle home with his left foot after 85 minutes to grab all three points. **Oldland Abbotonians** skipper Cash Vinall beat four men before striking a 93rd minute equaliser in his side’s 1-1 draw away at **Bishops Lydeard**, with **Radstock** and **Hengrove** sharing the points after their contest finished with the same scoreline.

**Recent Results**

**Friday 2nd December**

**FA Vase Third Round**

**Bridgwater United** 1-0 Cribbs

**Premier Division**

Welton Rovers 2-0 Cadbury Heath

**First Division**

Longwell Green Sports 2-1 Hallen

Warminster Town 0-2 Shirehampton

Wincanton Town 4-0 Tytherington Rocks

**Saturday 3rd December**

**FA Vase Third Round**

**Buckland Athletic** 3-0 Laverstock & Ford

**Clevedon Town** 1-1 (5-3 pens) New Milton Town

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United 2-2 Sherborne Town

Barnstaple Town 0-2 Helston Athletic

Mousehole 3-2 Keynsham Town

Saltash United 2-2 Ilfracombe Town

Shepton Mallet 3-0 Millbrook

Torpoint Athletic 1-1 Falmouth Town

**First Division**

AEK Boco 1-4 Brislington

Bishops Lydeard 1-1 Oldland Abbotonians

Bristol Telephones 5-0 Almondsbury

FC Bristol 1-2 Wells City

Gillingham Town 3-1 Nailsea & Tickenham

Odd Down 3-2 Cheddar

Portishead Town 1-2 Bishop Sutton

Radstock Town 1-1 Hengrove Athletic

**Leading Goalscorers** (***Stats courtesy of FA Fulltime Website***)

**Premier Division**

**Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 16**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 13**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) - 14**

**Harry Stevens (Ilfracombe) – 12**

**Rubin Wilson (Helston) – 11**

**All Competitions**

**Jack Thorne (Bridgwater) – 22**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 21**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 21**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 20**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 20**

**Curtis Damerell (Torpoint) – 19**

**Jacob Brown (Bridgwater) – 18**

**Craig Wilson (Bishop Sutton) – 17**

**Joe Berry (Nailsea/Tickenham) – 16**

**Harry Foster (Street) – 15**

**Rubin Wilson (Mousehole) - 15**

**First Division**

**Sacha Tong (FC Bristol) – 21**

**Jack Thorne (Nailsea/Tickenham) – 21**

**Luke Bryan (Odd Down) – 21**

**Adam Wright (Wells) – 18**

**Craig Wilson (Bishop Sutton) - 17**

**Scott Bamford (Shirehampton) – 17**

**Joe Berry (Nailsea/Tickenham) – 16**

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 6th December 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Millbrook vs Helston Athletic 19:45KO

Saltash United vs Torpoint Athletic 19:30KO

Warminster Town vs Wellington 19:45KO

**Wednesday 7th December 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Clevedon Town vs Radstock Town 19:30KO

**First Division**

Shirehampton vs Gillingham Town 19:30KO

**Saturday 10th December (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United vs Bridgwater United

Cadbury Heath vs Millbrook 14:00KO

Falmouth Town vs Barnstaple Town

Helston Athletic vs Buckland Athletic

Keynsham Town vs Saltash United

Shepton Mallet vs Torpoint Athletic

Sherborne Town vs Clevedon Town

Wellington vs Ilfracombe Town 14:00KO

Welton Rovers vs Mousehole

**First Division**

AEK Boco vs Portishead Town 14:00KO

Almondsbury vs Hallen 14:00KO

Bishop Sutton vs Bristol Telephones

Brislington vs Radstock Town

Cheddar vs Oldland Abbotonians

FC Bristol vs Longwell Green Sports

Gillingham Town vs Shirehampton

Hengrove Athletic vs Bishops Lydeard

Odd Down vs Nailsea & Tickenham

Tytherington Rocks vs Wells City

Wincanton Town vs Warminster Town 14:00KO

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Saltash United** | 21 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 33 | **50** |
| 2 | **Bridgwater United** | 19 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 43 | **48** |
| 3 | **Shepton Mallet** | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 22 | **38** |
| 4 | **Mousehole** | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 24 | **36** |
| 5 | **Buckland Athletic** | 18 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 8 | **31** |
| 6 | **Helston Athletic** | 16 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 5 | **28** |
| 7 | **Barnstaple Town** | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 | **26** |
| 8 | **Clevedon Town** | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | -2 | **24** |
| 9 | **Street** | 17 | 7 | 1 | 9 | -13 | **22** |
| 10 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 0 | **21** |
| 11 | **Millbrook** | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | -14 | **21** |
| 12 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 16 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 5 | **20** |
| 13 | **Welton Rovers** | 21 | 5 | 4 | 12 | -30 | **19** |
| 14 | **Falmouth Town** | 15 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | **18** |
| 15 | **Sherborne Town** | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | -8 | **15** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 19 | 3 | 5 | 11 | -17 | **14** |
| 17 | **Wellington** | 15 | 3 | 4 | 8 | -5 | **13** |
| 18 | **Torpoint Athletic** | 18 | 3 | 4 | 11 | -17 | **13** |
| 19 | **Keynsham Town** | 21 | 3 | 3 | 15 | -40 | **12** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Wells City** | 24 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 41 | **59** |
| 2 | **Nailsea & Tickenham** | 24 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 51 | **56** |
| 3 | **Brislington** | 22 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 37 | **53** |
| 4 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 21 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 18 | **43** |
| 5 | **Shirehampton** | 21 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 19 | **40** |
| 6 | **FC Bristol** | 22 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 5 | **36** |
| 7 | **Odd Down** | 23 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 20 | **35** |
| 8 | **Wincanton Town** | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 18 | **34** |
| 9 | **Bishop Sutton** | 22 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 4 | **34** |
| 10 | **Portishead Town** | 20 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 6 | **32** |
| 11 | **Warminster Town** | 21 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 0 | **31** |
| 12 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 25 | 8 | 6 | 11 | -3 | **30** |
| 13 | **Hallen** | 22 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 4 | **29** |
| 14 | **AEK Boco** | 23 | 8 | 2 | 13 | -19 | **26** |
| 15 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 21 | 7 | 4 | 10 | -16 | **25** |
| 16 | **Gillingham Town** | 21 | 6 | 4 | 11 | -10 | **22** |
| 17 | **Cheddar** | 24 | 5 | 5 | 14 | -19 | **20** |
| 18 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 22 | 4 | 6 | 12 | -31 | **18** |
| 19 | **Almondsbury** | 25 | 4 | 5 | 16 | -49 | **17** |
| 20 | **Bristol Telephones** | 23 | 4 | 6 | 13 | -20 | **15\*** |
| 21 | **Radstock Town** | 22 | 1 | 10 | 11 | -23 | **13** |
| 22 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | -33 | **13** |